

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts to a subject in need thereof, comprising applying to the skin, an effective amount of ascorbic acid or one of its analogues to the subject an individual in need thereof, for a period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes to a subject in need thereof, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of ascorbic acid or an analogue thereof ~~its analogues~~ to the subject an individual in need thereof, for a period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for stimulating the synthesis of cutaneous vimentin, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of ascorbic acid or an analogue thereof ~~one of its analogues~~ to a subject an individual in need thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for stimulating the synthesis of cutaneous keratin 10, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of ascorbic acid or an analogue thereof ~~one of its analogues~~ to a subject ~~an individual~~ in need thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of salts, esters and sugars ~~vigars~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of salts, esters and sugars ~~vigars~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of salts, esters and sugars ~~vigars~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of salts, esters and sugars ~~vigars~~.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of sodium ascorbate,

magnesium sodium ascorbyl phosphate and the acetic, propionic and palmitic esters thereof and glycosyl ascorbic acid.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of sodium ascorbate, magnesium sodium ascorbyl phosphate and the acetic, propionic and palmitic esters thereof and glycosyl ascorbic acid.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of sodium ascorbate, magnesium sodium ascorbyl phosphate and the acetic, propionic and palmitic esters thereof and glycosyl ascorbic acid.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the ascorbic acid analogues are selected from the group consisting of sodium ascorbate, magnesium sodium ascorbyl phosphate and the acetic, propionic and palmitic esters thereof and glycosyl ascorbic acid.

24. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts is about fifteen days.

25. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes is about fifteen days.

26. (New) A method for increasing the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts to a subject in need thereof, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of ascorbic acid or analogue thereof to a subject in need thereof, for a period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts; and wherein the effective amount of ascorbic acid or analogues thereof is about 3% to about 10% of the total weight of the composition.

27. (New) A method for increasing the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes to a subject in need thereof, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of ascorbic acid or analogue thereof to a subject in need thereof, for a period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes; and wherein the effective amount of ascorbic acid or analogues thereof is about 3% to about 10% of the total weight of the composition.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts is about fifteen days.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the period of time effective to increase the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes is about fifteen days.

30. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the increase in the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts results in a faster renewal of skin cells, more radiant skin, firmer skin, more elastic skin, an attenuation or delay in the appearance of wrinkles, and/or the diminishment of signs of aging.

31. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the increase in the level of differentiation of skin keratinocytes results in a faster renewal of skin cells, more radiant skin, firmer skin, more elastic skin, an attenuation or delay in the appearance of wrinkles, and/or the diminishment of signs of aging.